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DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR
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DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

As a below-named inventor(s), I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**CONNECTING PIECE COMPRISING A GRIPPING ELEMENT ON THE OUTER SURFACE
 FOR ROTATING THE CONNECTING PIECE**

the specification of which:

☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No.
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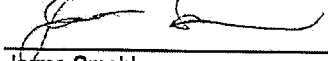
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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